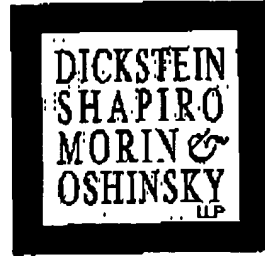


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Confirmation No. 3986

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Examiner: L. B. Zhen

**SECOND REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants' representative filed a (first) Request for Acknowledgement of Information Disclosure Statement on May 27, 2004. The Request was filed because an IDS originally filed on January 6, 1999 had not been acknowledged. The May 27, 2004 Request included a copy of the January 6, 1999 IDS and a copy of a stamped postcard indicating that the January 6, 1999 IDS had been received by the USPTO. Applicant's representative has not received a response to the Request of May 27, 2004.

Supervisory Patent Examiner Meng An indicated that the file wrapper of the instant application has been unavailable to the examiner since shortly after the mailing

of the Notice of Allowance. Ms. An advised paying the issue fee, stating that the January 6, 1999 IDS will be considered when the file becomes available. Accordingly, applicant's representative is filing this (second) Request for Acknowledgement of Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of the (first) Request is enclosed, including a stamped postcard indicating that the first Request had been received by the USPTO. A copy of the references cited in the IDS is also enclosed.

Dated: August 12, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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Documents Filed:

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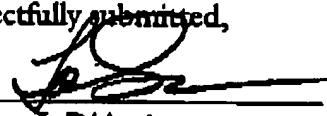
In the Notice of Allowability dated May 13, 2004, there is no indication that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 6, 1999 has been considered. Applicants respectfully request that the receipt and consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) be formally acknowledged at the earliest possible convenience. For convenience, attached hereto is a copy of the IDS, Form PTO SB/08 and the corresponding postcard receipt with date-stamp showing the date of filing of the above listed Information Disclosure Statement.

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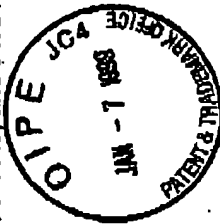
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. A copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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4. Translations of the non-English language references are enclosed.

☒ Full (for the non-English articles)

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☒ Summary/abstract (for JP '333)

5. A copy of a foreign application communication from a related foreign application discussing the relevancy of the references is attached.

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